

Writing Non-Negotiables for Legg Middle School

1. Students will use correct capitalization throughout their writing.
 - a. All proper nouns
 - b. The pronoun “ I”
 - c. The first letter at the beginning of a sentence
 - d. In titles
 - e. In abbreviations as required
2. Students will use correct end punctuation.
 - a. A period at the end of a declarative sentence
 - b. An exclamation point at the end of an exclamatory sentence
 - c. A question mark at the end of an interrogative sentence
3. Students will write in complete sentences throughout their composition.
 - a. No fragment sentences
 - b. No run on sentences
4. Students will indent each paragraph in their writing.
5. Students will follow rules of spelling.
 - a. No more than 4 spelling mistakes will be allowed in each composition
 - b. Absolutely no “text language” or non-standard abbreviations (** ‘cause/cuz, lol, u, i, ur ima, 2, gonna, wanna etc..)
6. Students will employ proper usage of the following homonyms:
 - a. To, two, too
 - b. Were, where, wear, we’re
 - c. There, their, they’re
 - d. Your, you’re
 - e. Our, are
7. Students will write sentences that have proper subject/ verb agreement.
8. Students will write in a consistent tense throughout the composition.